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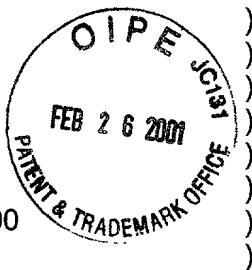
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

G. Bendak et al.

Serial No.: 09/747,380

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Group No.: Unknown

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Docket No. AMCC4860

For: System and Method for Programming the Bit Error Rate of Frame Synchronization Words in a Multidimensional Digital Frame Structure

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 10, please delete the first instance of " " and replace it with
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On page 1, line 10, please delete the second instance of " " and replace it with
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On page 1, line 14, please delete the first instance of " " and replace it with
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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in advance of the first examination of the subject application in order to insert the serial numbers and filing dates of the related applications. No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,



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